

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 10-20, 22, 35-40, and 43-47 are currently pending after entry of this amendment. Claims 35-41 and 46 stand rejected. Claims 41 and 42 have been cancelled. Claims 6, 16, 35, 40, 43, and 44, have been amended in order to put the remaining claims in condition for allowance. Entry and consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-6, 10-20, and 22 have been found allowable. Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 42-45 and 47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 41 and 42 have been cancelled and their claimed subject matter has been incorporated in to claim 35, from which claims 42-45 and 47 depend. As discussed below, all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request withdraw of this objection.

Rejection over Rothe et al. and Walter et al.

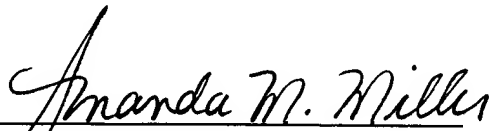
Claims 35-41 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Rothe et al. and Walter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,950,545 or 5,227,242). The rejection has been obviated by appropriate amendment. Independent claim 35 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 42, including the intervening claim 41, in that claim 35 now includes at least one amine-modified polysiloxane. The Examiner indicated that "the combination of prior art fails to teach the claimed amine-modified polysiloxane composition," as recited by claim 42. (Final Office Action, dated February 23, 2006, page 5).

Claims 36-40 and 46 depend from claim 35 and are, therefore, also in condition for allowance. Applicants do not believe that this amendment necessitates a further search to be performed, and so request withdraw of this rejection.

SUMMARY

All grounds raised in the outstanding Office Action for objecting to and rejecting the claims are believed to be overcome or rendered moot based on the amendments and remarks above. Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the presently presented claims are in form for allowance, and such action is requested in due course. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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